REMARKS

In the parent application, the Office Action mailed July 30, 2002 required an election between a first group of claims 1-7 and 15-21 and a second group of claims 8-14 and 22-28. In response, Applicant proceeded with the first group.

This preliminary amendment includes those amendments made to the Abstract and Specification made in the parent application. The claim amendments herein follow those made in the parent application. The new claims do not add new matter and are supported in the original specification at paragraphs [0017] and [0022] to [0025].

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

In the event the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the attorney at the telephone number identified below.

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